विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० नटवर सिंह): (क) राजभाषा अधिनियम और राजभाषा नियम विदेश मंत्रालय और विदेश स्थित भारतीय मिशनों, दोनों पर भी समान रूप से लागू होते हैं और, इनसे यह अपेक्षा की जाती है कि वे हिन्दी का प्रचार और संवर्द्धन करें तथा जहां तक व्यवहार हो अपने सरकारी काम में इसका प्रयोग करें। विदेश मंत्रालय तथा मिशनों में हिन्दी टाइपराइटर हैं और हिन्दी टेलेक्स, कम्प्यूटरों तथा टेलीप्रिन्टरों की आवश्यकता अभी तक महसूस नहीं की गई।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Reservation for women in the Civil Services

3115. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to reserve 20 per cent of posts for women in the Civil Services;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the same is likely to be given effect to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Facilities to Welfare Association of Central Government Employees

3116. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the facilities provided to the Welfare Associations of Central Government Employees; and

(b) the details of schemes launched by Governments so far for the welfare of Central Government employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Government gives financial grant-in-aid annually to the recognised Central Government Employees' Resident Welfare Associations besides providing them guidance in the organisational matters.

(b) The Government have launched a large number of schemes for the welfare of the Central Government employees and their families. These welfare measures touch upon the interest of the Government servants during office hours as well as outside office hours.

The various welfare schemes are:

(i) Residential Accommodation.

(ii) Educational facilities.

(iii) Medical facilities.

(iv) Transport.

(v) Canteens.

(vi) Promotion of Co-operatives.

(vii) Staff Benevolent Fund.

(viii) Staff Clubs.

(ix) Grant-in-aid for provision of amenities.

(x) Holiday Homes.

(xi) Grih Kalyan Kendra (Family Welfare Centres.)

(xii) Sports and Cultural Activities.

(xiii) Welfare Services and Area Welfare Officers.

These schemes are being implemented through different Ministries/Departments/Agencies such as:

(1) Ministry of Urban Development.

(2) Department of Education.

(3) Ministry of Health.

(4) Ministry of Transport.

(5) Ministry of Personnel Public Grievances and Pensions through—

(i) Central Government Employees Consumers Co-operative Society (Kendriya Bhandar).

(ii) Central Civil Services Sports Board.

(iii) Central Government Employees Welfare Co-ordination Committees.

(iv) Residents Welfare Associations.

(v) Chief Welfare Officer and Area Welfare Officers.

(vi) Grih Kalyan Kendra.

Manufacture of tanks at Heavy Vehicles Factory at Madras

3117. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Heavy Vehicles Factory at Madras has started the manufacture of army battle tanks;

(b) if so, what types of tanks it can produce and how many have been manufactured so far; and

(c) what is the capacity of the factory to produce such tanks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) Heavy Vehicles Factory at Avadi near Madras started manufacturing Vijayanta tanks in 1965. It has now started production of Ajay tanks (T-72). It would not be in public interest to disclose further details.

पिछड़े इलाकों के लिये विकास नीतियों का स्थापित किया जाना

3118. **श्री रशीद मसूद** : क्या कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने पिछड़े इलाकों के विकास को प्रोत्साहन देने के लिये बनाई गई वर्तमान नीतियों को कुछ समय के लिये स्थगित करने का निर्णय किया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

योजना मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बीरन सिंह इंगती) : (क) जी,नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Role of private sector in development of backward areas

3119. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for rapidly developing the backward areas with the help of the private sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) and (b) The Government of India have been providing several incentives to enable entrepreneurs to contribute to the development of industrially backward areas. These incentives include Central investment subsidy,